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Subject: Re: PTBC homework

Hi Guilford,

Chief concerns about the proposal for redesign of the N. Pleasant St., Eastman Ln. and Governor's Dr. intersection:

1) In principle, if a cyclist can act like a vehicle and occupy the full lane when necessary, there should be no trouble using any type of intersection, but at this particular location the number of inexperienced users, both cyclists and motorists, is large - many of the latter will be impatient (or worse) for reasons (late for class, hurrying home...) and "unreasons" - and some of the former will choose (or be forced to) cycle at the edges of the roundabout, increasing the probability of accidents.

2) A bigger concern is pedestrian accommodations there and nearby:

When will traffic actually (regularly) stop to let them cross? If only random crossing - as is the case on the rest of the N. Pleasant St. "drag" through campus - it may make things even worse (for motorists and cyclists too).

Thus I think this intersection may not be wisest one with which to experiment in principle; and while in practice I recognize the need (and present opportunity) to do something (we hope, good!) here, I'd hesitate to reconfigure this intersection as a (mini-?) roundabout UNLESS SIGNIFICANT, FIELD-TESTED AND "BIKE/PED-FRIENDLY TRAFFIC CALMING" MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED INTO ITS DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION.

Rob